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SUB: POST OF DIRECTOR UN DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS

REF: A) STATE 205094; B) USUN 3746; C) GENEVA 6588; D) GENEVA 6148

1. IN FOLLOW UP OF MY CONVERSATION WITH COIDAN (REF D),
I CALLED ON DIRECTOR GENERAL WINSPEARE TO REITERATE OUR
STRONG SUPPORT FOR BRAENDEN'S CANDIDACY FOR DIRECTOR OF DND.
IN COURSE EXTENDED EXCHANGE, WINSPEARE'S POSITION EMERGED
AS FOLLOWS.

2. HE HAS HIGH REGARD FOR BRAENDEN'S SCIENTIFIC ABILITY
AND FOR HIS ADMINISTRATION OF UN NARCOTICS LABORATORY AND
SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS. INDEED HE RCOMMENDED BRAENDEN'S
PROMOTION TO D-1. HOWEVER, HE HAS SERIOUS RESERVATIONS
AS TO WHETHER BRAENDEN COULD EFFECTIVELY COPE WITH
PERSONALITIES/ACTIVITIES OF DND WHO DIRECTOR SHOULD
IDEALLY BE A GENERALIST. IN HIS VIEW NO OFFICIAL
CURRENTLY IN DND HAS IDEAL QULAIFICATIONS SERVE AS
DIRECTOR. ALSO, HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT DIFFICULTY
OF FINDING EQUIVALENT REPLACEMENT FOR BRAENDEN AS HEAD
OF HARCOTICS LABORATORY WHICH HE BELIEVES SHOULD BE
ADMINISTERED SEPARATELY AND BY SCIENTIST.

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3. WINSPEARE SAID HE BELIEVES SEARCH FOR "IDEAL"

DIRECTOR OF DND SHOULD PROCEED. FOR INTERIM ARRANGEMENT HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED MARTEN'S CONTINUING AS DIRECTOR OF DND ON MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS UNTIL IDEAL CAN BE FOUND. HOWEVER, MARTENS IS DUE TAKE UP NEW POSITION IN SWEDEN IN MID-OCT AND ACCORDINGLY THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE. THEREFORE HIS POSITION IS THAT BRAENDEN SHOULD SERVE IN ACTING CAPACITY BEGINNING OCTOBER 1. HE HAS ALREADY RECOMMENDED THIS ARRANGEMENT TO DAVIDSON BUT INTENDS REAFFIRM HIS RECOMMENDATION. DECISION WILL BE MADE IN NEW YORK.

4. WINSPEARE SAID THAT "AT NO TIME" DID HE EVER CONSIDER RECOMMENDING ANY INDIVIDUAL OTHER THAN BRAENDEN TO SERVE IN ACTING CAPACITY. SPECIFICALLY HE NEVER CONSIDERED POSSIBILITY OF MICUTA'S DESIGNATION TO SUCH POSITION OR DIRECTORSHIP FOR NATIONALITY, AGE AND OTHER REASONS.

5. I SAID I THOUGHT APPROACH OUTLINED IN WINSPEARE IS REASONABLE. OBVIOUSLY THERE COULD BE NO OBJECTION TO ATTEMPT FIND "IDEAL" DIRECTOR. HOWEVER, BRAENDEN, IN LIGHT HIS ACTUAL PERFORMANCE AS ACTING DIRECTOR, SHOULD CONTINUE BE KEPT UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR DIRECTOR POST ALONG WITH ANY OTHER CANDIDATES.

6. AT NO TIME DURING OUR CONVERSATION DID WINSPEARE REFER TO ANY NAMES OTHER THAN BRAENDEN AND MICUTA. SPECIFICALLY HE MADE NO MENTION OF EITHER LING OR BAYER.

7. COMMENT: IN LIGHT DAVIDSON'S REPORT OF WINSPEARE'S VIEWS AS CONVEYED USUN, THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN EITHER A BREAKDOWN IN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN UNNY AND UN GENEVA OR A MAJOR SHIFT OF POSITION. FOREGOING HAS ALREADY BEEN OUTLINED TO MYERSON (USUN) BY TELEPHONE. I WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAIL TO MYERSON UPON MY ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK SEPT 5. DALE

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